

WILEY QUILTS,  
DISGUSTEDResigned as Chief Chemist of  
Agriculture Department

BUT HE GAVE NO REASONS

The Recent Wiley-Wilson-McCabe Con-  
troversy Was But an Outcropping  
of the Friction in the Depart-  
ment for Long Time.Washington, D. C., March 15.—Dr.  
Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau  
of chemistry of the department of ag-  
riculture, sent his resignation to Sec-  
retary Wilson of that department to-  
day.Dr. Wiley's resignation came as a dra-  
matic climax to a long conference which  
he had with Secretary Wilson in the  
latter's private office. Secretary Wil-  
son would make no statement other  
than that Dr. Wiley had resigned and  
that the relations between them person-  
ally had always been pleasant. No rea-  
sons for the resignation were given, he  
said; nor did Dr. Wiley outline his  
plans for the future.Rumors have been current for several  
weeks that the pure food expert was  
about to leave the service. The latest  
report has been that Dr. Wiley would  
lay down the work to become associate  
editor of the Goodhousekeeping maga-  
zine.It is known that he has been unhappy  
in his connection with the department  
for a long time. He has asserted that  
he has been hampered in the adminis-  
tration of his office and harassed by oth-  
er officials. The recent Wiley-Wilson-  
McCabe controversy was but the out-  
cropping of friction that has long ex-  
isted.VIRGINIA DESPERADOES  
ARE STILL AT LARGEThere Is No Concerted Effort Toward  
Capturing the Mountaineers Who  
Shot Up Courthouse at  
Hillsville.Hillsville, Va., March 15.—Little or no  
headway had been made to-day look-  
ing to the capture of the mountaineer  
desperadoes who, yesterday, shot up the  
Carroll county courthouse, killing  
Judge Rhorton Massie, the common-  
wealth's attorney, W. M. Foster and  
Sheriff "Low" Webb. It is reported  
that the brothers of Floyd Allen, the  
sentencing of whom was the signal for  
the shooting, and their followers suc-  
ceeded in crossing the North Carolina  
line. There is little thought that the  
outlaws will be taken alive. It may be  
days before a well directed force is on  
their trail.Never before in the history of this  
country has any court been so completely  
demolished. Had the citizens of the  
community been able to capture any of  
those who participated in the riot, they  
would have been powerless, since the  
sheriff and judge of the court, as well  
as the commonwealth attorney, are vic-  
tims of the slaughter.Looking such a situation in the face,  
Gov. Mann promptly ordered Judge Sta-  
ples to go there in company with the  
attorney general. They will take charge  
and put into motion the machinery of  
the law.Without it the people are at the  
mercy of the mountain outlaws. The  
stupendous aspect of the crime and  
what it means to the state has just com-  
menced to dawn upon the people. Per-  
sons familiar with the country, which  
is remote and in a measure but semi-  
civilized, predict that the men who have  
gone there will have a hard battle and  
will suffer loss of life in an effort to  
capture the outlaws and their supporters.Shortly after the news was sent out  
from Hillsville, telling of the murder,  
the Baldwin detective agency was notifi-  
ed. Arrangements were made to have  
the Memphis special stop at Radford to  
let the detectives off there.The country over which the men will  
have to travel is the roughest in the  
state. They will have to ride from Bar-  
ren Springs to Hillsville.Capt. Harry Davenport of the Roanoke  
light infantry has been in communica-  
tion with Richmond and has ordered  
every member of his company to hold  
himself in readiness for a hurry call.  
Should the troops go, it is possible that  
they left here late during the night.  
Yesterday afternoon Capt. H. N. Davenport  
received the following order:"Get in touch with your men for  
Carroll county trouble if needed. Not  
necessary to assemble at army till  
called for. Make all arrangements for  
quick move if orders reach you. This  
is only preparatory in case it is neces-  
sary to send you."

"Adjutant-General."

Judge R. C. Jackson of the law firm  
of Jackson & Henson was visibly affect-  
ed when told of the tragedy. The judge  
quickly exclaimed: "The Allens." Re-  
ceiving a reply in the affirmative, he  
said: "I knew it."Judge Jackson said that the Allens  
have been trouble makers in Carroll  
county for 25 years."They are fairly well-to-do people,  
but have been law breakers and turbu-  
lent all the time, making trouble for  
whatever judge happened to be on the  
circuit bench."

INDICTMENT QUASHED.

Charge Was Violation of Criminal Clause  
of Sherman Law.New York, March 15.—On motion of  
District Attorney Wise, Judge Hand in  
the United States district court yester-  
day afternoon quashed the indictment  
against Thomas B. Harned, the Phila-  
delphia lawyer, on trial with John F.  
Parsons and others charged with viola-  
tion of the criminal clause of the Sher-  
man anti-trust law. The government  
had the indictment quashed, so that  
Mr. Harned could be called as a wit-  
ness.VICTOR'S DEFENDER  
WILL RECOVERMajor Lang, Who Was Shot by Dalba  
Yesterday, Was Better To-day—Wave  
of Enthusiasm for the King  
Sweeps Italy.Rome, March 15.—Major Giovanni  
Lang, commander of the royal body-  
guard, who was wounded in the head  
yesterday when Antonio Dalba, an an-  
archist, attempted to assassinate King  
Victor Emmanuel, was considered al-  
most out of danger this morning. Sus-  
picion begins to increase that the out-  
rage was committed by Dalba either as  
the consequence of a plot or due to  
the instigation of some persons who, re-  
maining secret themselves, armed the  
hand of the weak-minded Dalba.Telegrams from nearly every country  
of the world are pouring into the head  
palace to-day. All through yesterday  
great crowds paraded the streets, shout-  
ing: "Long live the king!" but the  
greatest demonstration occurred soon  
after Victor Emmanuel returned to the  
palace, around which 250,000 persons had  
gathered. They cheered the cabinet min-  
isters, senators and deputies, the depu-  
ties including several socialists, who  
called at the royal palace to express  
to the king their felicitations at his  
escape. All were admitted together to  
the great hall room, where his majesty  
appeared, accompanied by the queen and  
the crown prince. In reply to their  
congratulations, the king said:"At first I noticed nothing. I was  
looking out of the carriage window at  
the Colosseum church, on the left, when  
I heard two shots. I had not thought  
that it was an attempt against my life."Queen Helena explained that she had  
witnessed the act of the assassin, as  
he fired the first shot. She had the  
impression that he had pulled the trig-  
ger three times more, but only twice  
had she heard a shot.Signor Risolati, the leader of one sec-  
tion of the socialists in the chamber  
of deputies, shook hands with the king  
and said: "Your Majesty, this great  
demonstration indicates the true feel-  
ing of the Italian people."The king replied: "I am touched by  
this demonstration of Rome.""Were it not for the wounding of  
your officer," said Signor Risolati, "we  
might be pleased at what has occurred,  
because of the manifestation of regard  
which it has occasioned, and because of  
the great courage which your Majesty  
displayed."The king deprecated the idea of his  
courage, whereupon the socialist leader  
explained that the people understood  
and appreciated his act in driving in an  
open automobile, without guards, from  
the Quirinal to the hospital to visit  
the wounded officer, showing his com-  
plete confidence in the people.The king, describing the impression  
he received during the demonstration at  
the Quirinal, said that it seemed as if  
not only Italy but the whole of Italy  
had gathered there.DESERTED BY LAWYERS,  
"BIG BILL" GOES TO JAILJudge Hale in United States Court in  
Boston Committed Him To-day,  
Although Against His  
Own Wishes.Boston, March 15.—Fifteen months'  
litigation failed to mitigate the eighteen  
years' prison sentence of William J. Kel-  
her, convicted of looting the National  
City Bank of Cambridge of \$200,000.  
To-day Judge Hale in the United States  
district court sent him to the state  
prison.Kelher stood before the court practi-  
cally alone, as his attorneys had with-  
drawn from the case, and he made no  
remark. Judge Hale said that while  
he would like to change the period of  
confinement he was powerless, and such  
action would have to come from the  
executive branch of the government.DELEGATE WAS KILLED  
BY THE EXCITEMENTIn Which Roosevelt Won a Solid Vote  
of Instruction in the Oklahoma  
State Convention To-day.Guthrie, Okla., March 15.—The Re-  
publican state convention of Oklahoma  
voted to-day, after an all-night session,  
to send a solid delegation of ten men,  
instructed for Roosevelt, to the Chicago  
convention. Taft workers employed  
every tactic get in a commanding  
vote in the proceedings but were out-  
numbered almost three to one.At the close of the arduous work, one  
of the delegates to the convention, S. S.  
Denison, a leading citizen of Lexington,  
dropped dead. The excitement resulted  
in apoplexy.

## CLAIMS NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Former Governor Quincy Thinks State  
Is for Taft.Washington, D. C., March 15.—In an  
interview yesterday, former Governor  
Quincy said: "I am just returning from  
the South and shall do what I am able  
to promote the re-nomination of Pres-  
ident Taft, and from advice I have re-  
ceived believe New Hampshire will send  
a solid Taft delegation to Chicago. In  
my mail to-day was a letter from a  
Minneapolis citizen which says in his  
judgment Mr. Roosevelt's Columbus  
speech was potent in changing the trend  
of sentiment from Roosevelt to Taft and  
he believes Minnesota will be largely  
for Taft."COAL MINERS' REPLY  
IS SAME DEMANDThey Turned Down Proposition of the  
Operators and Submitted Their  
Former Proposal To-day.New York, March 15.—Reiterating de-  
mands for recognition of their union, an  
increase of twenty per cent. in wages,  
a shorter working day and other changes,  
the United Mine Workers of America  
replied this afternoon to the counter  
proposition offered them by the anthracite  
coal operators. The operators' propo-  
sition was declined, and no mention  
was made in the miners' reply of their  
willingness or unwillingness to compro-  
mise.EX-STRIKERS  
EAGER TO WORKFollowing Vote Declaring Off  
Strike in Six Mills

WANT TURNED DOWN TO-DAY

Reason Given Was That Rush to Resume  
Work Was So Great That All  
Applicants Could Not  
Be Accommodated.Lawrence, Mass., March 15.—The  
restoration of the textile industry, which  
has been paralyzed in many parts for  
more than two months by the strike,  
has begun to-day. There was a rush  
of strikers back to their looms and  
spindles in the mills, where the strike  
was declared off yesterday. The over-  
sighters of those mills were forced to send  
many persons home for the day as there  
was no work for them.It is said by several members of the  
strikers' committee that on Monday, sev-  
eral mills will be added to the six  
against which the strike has been de-  
clared off. Picketing was maintained  
to-day on a smaller scale than heretofore,  
and there was no trouble.At a mass meeting on the common  
yesterday afternoon, the strikers voted  
to declare off the strike at the Wash-  
ington, Wood, Ayer and Prospect mills,  
the American Woolen company, the  
Atlantic cotton mills and the Kunkin  
worsted mills. Approximately 7,000  
operatives will return to work at these  
places next Monday. The mass meeting,  
which followed the advice of the strike  
leaders in this section, also accepted the  
recommendation of the strike commit-  
tees that the strike should be continued  
against the Pacific cotton and worsted  
mills, the Arlington cotton and worsted  
mills, the Lowell worsted mills, the  
Farwell bleaching, the International Pa-  
per plant and the Brightwood woolen  
mills of North Andover. All of these  
mills have announced a wage increase  
but the details of the proposed advance  
have not been made sufficiently clear  
to satisfy the strike leaders.As a result of yesterday's action, it is  
estimated about 5,000 operatives will re-  
main on strike, not including the 2,000  
locked out at the Everett cotton mills.

PRESENT DEMANDS.

Barre, Mass., Workers Ask for Scale Like  
American Woolen Company's.Barre, Mass., March 15.—A demand  
that the Barre Wool-combing company  
and the Norma Worsted company pay  
their striking employees a wage scale  
similar to that offered by the Ameri-  
can Woolen company to its striking  
operatives at Lawrence was presented to  
the representatives of the two plants by  
a committee of strikers yesterday.The strikers' committee consisted of  
three persons and the mills were repre-  
sented by Robert A. Thompson and  
J. F. Edwards, respectively manager and  
treasurer of the wool-combing factory  
and W. G. Spencer, agent of the worsted  
mill. Both factories are owned by Fran-  
cis Wiley of Bradford, Eng.SNOWSLIDE SWEEP  
AWAY 9 BUILDINGSFour Men Are Dead, One Is Injured and  
Several Are Missing Near Tellurid,  
Colorado, To-day.Tellurid, Colo., March 15.—Four men  
are dead, several are missing and one  
was injured as the result of a snow-  
slide which swept down on Black Bar  
mine. The slide carried away nine build-  
ings.

## PINKERTON &amp; CO. INCORPORATE

Wholesale Granite Firm at Zanesville,  
O., to Enlarge.Zanesville, O., March 15.—Zanesville  
now has a new incorporated company,  
papers being issued at Columbus Mon-  
day to C. E. Pinkerton & Co., now a  
wholesale granite firm of this city. The  
incorporators are C. E. Pinkerton, C. M.  
Ludman, W. L. Timmons, F. L. Gary and  
E. B. Rutledge, and the capital stock is  
\$25,000.The wholesale granite firm's offices  
will be located in the Pinkerton of-  
fices in the Masonic temple, and the  
firm will go into the business on a  
larger scale than ever. A good busi-  
ness has been built up by Mr. Pinker-  
ton, who has had years of experience  
in the marble and granite trade.The company will hold a meeting the  
last of the week for the purpose of ef-  
fecting a permanent organization.

## DINING CAR DERAILED

Thus Adding to Troubles of New En-  
gland States Limited.Essex Junction, March 15.—The New  
England States Limited, due here from  
Boston at 7:12 last evening and run-  
ning about an hour and 20 minutes be-  
hind its schedule, was further delayed  
by the forward trucks of the dining car  
being derailed just as the train was  
passing the freight house. After a short  
time, the train, with the exception of  
the diner, proceeded into the station and  
at five minutes of nine continued north.

## STILL ON NEGLIGENCE SUIT.

Case of Elizabeth Mitchell vs. A. Tomasi  
Should Be Ended To-morrow.Washington county court was still  
occupied to-day with the trial of the  
\$10,000 suit of Elizabeth Mitchell vs.  
A. Tomasi of Barre, in which the plain-  
tiff claims negligence. It is not known  
when the case will be ended; but it  
should be through by to-morrow. The  
defendant was on the stand this morn-  
ing.The next case set for trial is Allen  
Lumber company of Barre vs. E. He-  
gina; and this is taken up in prece-  
dence of Tedesci vs. Waite because F. G.  
Fleetwood, an attorney in the latter case,  
is busy in Lamoille county court.Meeting of the Companion court, No.  
707, I. O. F., to-night at 7:30.KNOCKED DOWN AND  
ROBBED OF WATCHBurlington Man Victim of Thug on a  
Frequented Street of That City  
Last Evening.Burlington, March 15.—Shortly after  
8 o'clock last evening, when the streets  
are usually well filled with pedestrians,  
John W. Boutwell of Spruce street, su-  
perintendent of Gay & Henderson's coal  
yard, was assaulted by an unknown  
man and knocked down and robbed. Al-  
though the police got after the case as  
soon as notified, and kept a strict look-  
out, no clues which may lead to the  
attest had been discovered up to a late  
hour last night.The deed was accomplished on South  
Winoski avenue between Maple and  
Adams streets. Mr. Boutwell had just  
deposited the money taken in during the  
day in the safe of his concern and was  
returning home. He noticed a man ap-  
proaching from the opposite direction,  
but thought nothing of it until the  
latter had nearly passed him, when the  
man swung around and dealt Mr. Bout-  
well a tremendous blow. Mr. Bout-  
well is an elderly man, about 65 years  
of age, and fell to the ground, suffering  
a serious laceration of the forehead.The man grabbed the gold, open-faced  
watch from Mr. Boutwell's vest pocket  
and did not stop even to remove the  
chain from the button hole as he jerked  
it out, leaving the bar in place. Mr.  
Boutwell's overcoat was unbuttoned so  
that the removal of the watch occupied  
only an instant.Mr. Boutwell remembers seeing a man  
running toward Adams street and has  
a vague recollection that he was a young  
fellow of medium height. That is the  
only clue that he was able to give the  
police last evening.Upon regaining consciousness, he found  
his way to a house near the spot and  
there told of what had happened. Dr.  
J. H. Dods was summoned as Mr. Bout-  
well was bleeding from some cuts on the  
face. These were found to be of a pain-  
ful but not serious nature, although  
stitches had to be taken in the lip where  
the teeth had cut through. He was  
able to walk to his home with some  
people whom he knew and who came  
along.Chief of Police Russell arrived as soon  
as possible and at once word was sent  
to all of the patrolmen to be on the  
lookout. The trains were especially  
guarded and an effort made to prevent  
the escape from the city of the perpetra-  
tor of the deed. About 20 minutes be-  
fore the assault, a tramp entered the  
kitchen of Dora's restaurant and asked  
for food but he in no way corresponded  
with the description of the man fur-  
nished by Mr. Boutwell and no impor-  
tance is attached to this fact.

## JUDGE DIRECTED VERDICT

In Ejectment Case Soon After the Trial  
Was Started.Rutland, March 15.—The first jury  
trial of the March term of Rutland  
county court was taken up yesterday,  
but Judge Zed S. Stanton directed a  
verdict for the defendant before much  
time had been consumed. The case was  
that of John Gilmore of Ludlow vs.  
Wallace Brown of Shrewsbury, an action  
for ejectment involving the ownership  
of a tract of timber land in Shrewsbury.  
There was also a claim for \$1,000 dam-  
ages connected with the case. The ver-  
dict was directed on the motion of C. V.  
Poulin and C. L. Howe of this city,  
counsel for the defendant, that the plain-  
tiff had failed to establish a proper  
title to the land. B. H. Stickney, who  
is counsel for the plaintiff, announced  
that he would appeal the case to the  
Vermont supreme court.A jury was drawn at the afternoon  
session to try the \$2,000 assault case,  
Charles O. Sumner of Rutland vs. Os-  
car Potter of Clarendon. The plaintiff  
claims that while he was asleep at the  
defendant's house, Potter poured kero-  
sene on his feet and set fire to his  
stockings. The case was tried last fall,  
the jury disagreeing. C. V. Poulin and  
E. H. O'Brien represent Sumner and  
T. W. Moloney and G. W. Platt of  
Rutland represent Potter.The jury, drawn for the term  
have been excused permanently and five  
temporarily because of illness.CANADIAN PACIFIC  
IS TO BE INVITEDMassachusetts Legislature Seemed Fa-  
vorably Disposed Toward the En-  
trance of Grand Trunk Road.Boston, March 15.—An order inviting  
the Canadian Pacific railroad to extend  
its line to Boston was reported in the  
House to-day by the committee on rail-  
roads, and the vote on the order was  
unanimous. The same committee has  
before it the petition of the Southern  
New England railroad for permission to  
cross Boston at another New England  
outlet for the Grand Trunk railroad.

## RAILROAD BILL REPORTED.

Provides for Electrification of All Roads  
Entering Boston.Boston, March 15.—The electrification  
of all railroads entering Boston is pro-  
vided for in a mandatory bill unanimously  
reported yesterday by the legisla-  
tive committee on railroads. The bill  
provides that all railroads within the  
limits of the metropolitan park system  
shall be operated by electric power.  
The metropolitan park system circles  
Boston with a chain of parks, and has  
a radius of about fifteen miles from the  
State House. The railroads, under the  
bill reported by the committee are given  
until 1920 to make the changes re-  
quired.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

William Letourneau was a business  
visitor in Burlington yesterday.  
Mrs. William Cole of Jefferson street  
was a visitor in Williamstown to-day.  
Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Leonard went to  
Burlington this morning for the day.Shop stewards can get their Quarry-  
workers' Journals at the secretary's of-  
fice.William Stevenson left last night for  
a few days' visit with friends in Bos-  
ton.James Riley of East street returned  
this morning from a brief business trip  
to Burlington.John Dempsey returned to St. Al-  
bans yesterday, after a short business  
visit in this city.Miss Jennie Blanchard left this af-  
ternoon for her home in Randolph to  
spend the Easter vacation.The meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary  
to Clan Gordon, No. 12, has been post-  
poned from Monday, March 18, to  
Wednesday, March 20.Dewey Darling, a student at Spaulding  
high school, left for his home at  
South Ryegate this noon to pass the  
spring vacation at his home there.We have given out over five gross of  
spoons so far in exchange for orange  
wrappers. It shows that somebody is  
saving wrappers. We redeem them at  
the Diversi Fruit Co.HIGH HONORS  
WELL EARNEDRecords of Spaulding High  
School Seniors Very Good

THREE GIRLS TO ONE BOY

First Honor in the Academic Course Was  
Won by Miss Augustine M. La Rochelle  
and First in the Commercial Course  
by Miss Armdia K. Rossi.Graduation honors for the class of  
1912 at Spaulding high school were an-  
nounced to-day by Principal O. D. Math-  
ewson, showing a remarkably close con-  
test for the coveted positions, as well  
as high records. In fact, the percentages  
of the first ten or so members of the  
class are considered to have been bet-  
ter than usual. The class numbers about  
sixty in both departments.In the academic course, the first hon-  
or has been awarded to Miss Augustine  
M. La Rochelle, whose percentage for the  
course was 94.76, as a result of which,  
she has been chosen to deliver an essay  
at the graduation exercises. Miss La  
Rochelle has chosen as her subject, "Ger-  
man Lyrics Poetry."The second honor in the academic  
course is awarded to Miss Rosa Fon-  
tana, whose mark for the course was  
91.77, and Miss Fontana will read an  
essay on "Italy's Contribution to Civil-  
ization." Third honor, and the only one  
to be awarded to the boys of the  
class, was won by Sprague Drenan,  
whose percentage for the course was  
90.85.In the commercial department, an un-  
usually high mark was attained by the  
first honor graduate, who is Miss Ar-  
mdia K. Rossi. Her percentage for the  
full course was 95.29; and in conse-  
quence of the honor, Miss Rossi will  
read an essay at graduation, having  
chosen as her subject "The Ideal Secre-  
tary."The programs for graduation aside  
from the above, and that for class day,  
have not been arranged as yet; but an-  
nouncement of them will be made short-  
ly.SERIOUS CHARGE MADE,  
CASE GOES HIGHERAustin J. Goodall Arraigned in Justice  
Court at Chelsea and Was Then  
Released on Bail of \$500.Chelsea, March 15.—Deputy Sheriff R.  
H. Adams was in East Corinth Tues-  
day and arrested Austin J. Goodall  
on a charge of assault with intent to  
kill, and on Wednesday forenoon, at a  
preliminary hearing before Justice of  
the Peace John M. Comstock, he was  
bound over to the June term of Orange  
county court. Bail was fixed in the  
sum of five hundred dollars which he  
furnished and he was released from cus-  
tody. State's Attorney Stanley C. Wil-  
son was the prosecuting officer and W.  
H. Sprague appeared in behalf of the  
respondent. The following witnesses  
gave testimony at the hearing, Charles  
W. Jewell, Dr. Rowland, George Cook  
and a Mr. Miller, all of East Corinth.BIRTHS NUMBERED  
MORE THAN TWICE DEATHSBarre's Vital Statistics for the Month  
of January and February Show  
Increased Preponderance of  
Births.Barre maintained a good record in vi-  
tal statistics for the months of January  
and February, as stated to-day by  
Health Officer Dr. Joe W. Jackson, there  
being 53 births and 22 deaths during  
the two months. The January record  
showed 29 births and 10 deaths, and the  
February record, 24 births and 12 deaths.Foreign-born parents predominated in  
the birth statistics, thirty-two of the  
thirty-five and thirty-five of the forty-  
three being foreign-born, to twenty-one Amer-  
ican-born mother and eighteen American-  
born fathers. Of the 53 births, seventeen  
were the first-born, fifteen the second-  
born, seven the third, five the fourth,  
three the fifth, three the sixth, one the  
ninth and two the twelfth child. Twenty-  
four of the children were male and  
twenty-nine female.In the death statistics, February's  
record was very light, and the deaths  
were evenly divided between male and  
female, while in February only four  
males die, to eight females.

## HELD IN COUNTY JAIL.

Thomas Murphy Charged with Wound-  
ing Joseph Comiskey.A man named Thomas Murphy is held  
in Washington county jail pending a  
hearing on the charge of inflicting out-  
raged wounds on Joseph Comiskey at a rifle  
range in Upper Graniteville last  
Saturday night. When arraigned before  
Justice A. C. Dickey in East Barre on  
the charge of breach of the peace, Mur-  
phy did not furnish the \$500 bail when  
the case was continued, so he was taken  
to the county jail. He was arrest-  
ed by Deputy Sheriff W. F. Cutler, and  
the case was prosecuted by Grand Juror  
W. A. Cutler. Comiskey's wounds were  
not serious, and he is improving rapid-  
ly.

## MERCHANTS TALKED IT OVER.

Had Long Session Last Evening, Con-  
sidering Proposed Agreements.Thirty members of the Barre Retail  
Merchants' association met in special  
session at their rooms in the Miles gran-  
ite block this morning at 9 o'clock.  
The meeting was held ostensibly to dis-  
cuss proposed agreements between the  
merchants and clerks, which it is hoped,  
will be ready for signature of the com-  
mittees before April 1. Nothing of a  
definite nature was given out as to  
the outcome of the meeting. The mer-  
chants remained in session until nearly  
11 o'clock.

## MAYOR AND WIFE AS GUESTS.

Together With Husbands and Friends of  
the Ladies of the Macabees.The ladies of Harmon hive, No. 1,  
L. C. T. M., with their husbands and  
friends, numbering about 100, were very  
pleasantly entertained at the K. of P.  
hall last evening, it being "gentlemen's  
night" in the hive. The guests of hon-  
or of the occasion were Mayor and Mrs.  
L. H. Thurston. The supper room had  
been tastefully decorated with the colors  
of the order, under the direction of Mrs.  
Coral Wilkinson, and a bountiful sup-  
per was served by Mrs. Nancy Avery and  
her committee, Ladies Linna Curtis, Jes-  
sie Bradbury, Mary G. Cave, Florence  
Marin and Agnes Harry. If there is  
truth in the old saying that "the proof  
of the pudding is in the eating," it can  
be truthfully said that the supper served  
by these ladies to their guests was  
"all right."After supper, the company went into  
the hive hall, which was also prettily  
decorated with the hive flags, banners  
and colors. Here they were cordially  
welcomed by Lady Commander Mary R.  
MacDonald. The following program was  
given and thoroughly enjoyed by all:  
Piano duet, Misses Mary Walker and  
Florence Inglis; vocal solo, Miss Alice  
Walker; reading, Miss Alice Lavelle;  
piano duet, Misses Hazel Mackay and  
Lewanna Rickert. Each number was  
lovely and enjoyed, and the young ladies  
very kindly responded with a second se-  
lection, Miss Lavelle being recalled for a  
third number.The evening closed with a social hour.  
To judge by the happy, interested faces  
seen, the evening was a success and  
much credit is due the committee hav-  
ing the work in charge.BANQUET WAS SERVED  
TO MANY MASONSOn Occasion of the Third Capital Ma-  
sonic District in Barre Last Even-  
ing—Some Grand Officers  
Present.One hundred Masons were present in  
Masonic hall last evening for the clos-  
ing ceremonies of the meeting of the  
third capital Masonic district, which  
was opened yesterday afternoon at 2:30  
o'clock. Numbers of Masons from Mont-  
pelier, Randolph, Waterbury and Barre  
were augmented by the arrival of sev-  
eral grand lodge officers, whose presence  
lent added distinction to the meeting.  
At 6 o'clock, the Masons sat down to  
an elaborate banquet served in the ban-  
quet hall adjoining the lodge rooms. The  
repast was served by the ladies.At 7:45 o'clock, the chapter was called  
from refreshment to labor. A reception  
to the grand officers followed and as  
guests of honor, the following well  
known Masons responded: Samuel T.  
Brady of Rutland, G. H. P. George L.  
Whitney of Bellows Falls, G. S. C. C.  
Gifford of Randolph, W